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In re application of: Shigeru UMINO et al.
Appl. No.: 09/857,628 Conf.: 5155
Filed: June 7, 2001 Group: 1775
Title: STEEL SHEET HAVING SURFACE-TREATED ZINC-BASED PLATING

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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June 16, 2003

Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the Official Action of January 16, 2003 for two months to June 16, 2003.

Please charge the extension fee of \$410 to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. If this fee is insufficient, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fee to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A responsive paper is filed herewith.

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